

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Illegal Cigarettes

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of flooding of illegal cigarettes into Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of ITC report indicating fall in sale of domestic cigarettes in view of flooding of illegal foreign cigarettes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent entry of illegal cigarettes into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) No such study has been conducted by the Government of India in this regard.
- (b) No.
- (c) As border control agencies, field formations of Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) keep constant vigil at ports, airports, land Customs Stations, Inland Container Depots, Foreign Post Offices and Courier Terminals to thwart any attempt of smuggling/illegal imports. On detection of cases, action is taken in accordance with the Customs Act, 1962, as applicable.